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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated April 7, 2003 making a restriction requirement in the above-identified application, the applicant submits the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

7 (thrice amended). Immunocoprocytes isolated from fecal matter[, said immunocoprocytes expressing immunoglobulins selected from the group consisting of IgA, IgC, CFc, and a combination thereof].

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REMARKS

Claims 7-9, 22 and 26-28 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In a telephone interview on April 22, 2003 the issues related to the outstanding restriction requirement were discussed with the Examiner and it was agreed that main claim 7 shall be amended as above, in light of which the invention shall be re-grouped as indicated in the restriction requirement dated January 10, 2003 (Paper No. 7). Applicant has done so